

A photograph of a two-story, light-colored building with a gabled roof and two large chimneys. The building is surrounded by greenery and trees. An American flag is visible on the right side. In the foreground, there is a sign that reads "GEORGETOWN TOWN OFFICES".

# State of the Town

Georgetown Public Schools  
Carol Jacobs, Superintendent

# Vision Statement

The Georgetown Public Schools will provide a high quality education to all students so that they will graduate prepared to succeed in their lives beyond high school

GEORGETOWN  
TOWN OFFICES

# Mission/Belief Statements

- Dedicated to ALL students reaching highest potential
- Develop responsible , tolerant and successful individuals
- Promote academic excellence, creativity, innovation and achievement of personal excellence
- Provide welcoming, inclusive and safe schools
- Create lifelong learners who contribute to the shaping of society
- Foster pride in self, school, community, country and world.

# Goals and Objectives

- Long Term Goals

- Execute a strategic plan
- Increase student performance
- Meet state mandates
- Provide comprehensive programs that support and challenge ALL students
- Provide safe, secure and student-centered schools
- Expand partnerships

# Goals and Objectives

- Short Term Goals

- Write multi-year strategic plan
- Complete alignment of curriculum/ Provide training
- Develop focused action plans for student performance
- NEASC- Write status report
- Reduce reliance on fees
- Develop a zero-based budget
- Address some preventative maintenance/capital projects

# Today's Situation

- Internal Strengths

- Strong administration and faculty
- Great student body
- Community partnerships
- Common vision- School Committee, admin & staff
- Strong indicators of excellence in many areas
- Strong support from parents and the community

# Today's Situation

## Challenges

- Lack of coordination/ alignment and services
- NEASC- Warning Status
- MCAS performance
- Need to remain competitive
- Credibility in the community

# How Did We Get Here?

- Focus on individual schools not district
- Strategic vision and plan not well defined and widely distributed
- Lack of funding for community resources for learning according to NEASC
- Fiscal challenges within the community
- Perception of the schools/ closed system
- Lack of funding and focus on preventative maintenance of building and grounds

# Available Options

- Key Strategies

- Write and distribute the strategic plan
- Develop and use a budget process that is credible, transparent , includes input from the community and identifies needs
- Improve communication between the town and schools

# Recommendations

- Write, distribute and report on the strategic plan
  - Specific actions in 8 focus areas
  - State and local benchmarks
  - Strengthen infrastructure

Timeline- Write plan- June 2008

Report- At least annually

# Recommendations

- Develop a budget process that is transparent and includes input from the community
  - Represents needs for quality education
  - Zero-based
  - Target funds to highest need/ programs
  - Create efficiencies
  - Focus groups/ televised sessions
  - Access on website

Timeline- Begin in FY 08 and on-going

# Recommendation

- Improve communication between schools and the town
  - Open door policy
  - Coordinate with departments and boards
  - Effective use of media
  - Personal outreach and contact
  - Public reporting
  - Superintendent's coffees/ newsletters

Timeline- Begin in FY 09 and on-going

# Closing Comment

To the Citizens of Georgetown  
Thank you for your support of public  
education. With your help, we will continue  
to graduate successful students who will be  
the pride of their community.

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# Harry LaCortiglia, Board Member

# Vision Statement

*The Year is 2023...*

Georgetown remains a predominantly residential and family-oriented community with a semi-rural, small town identity.

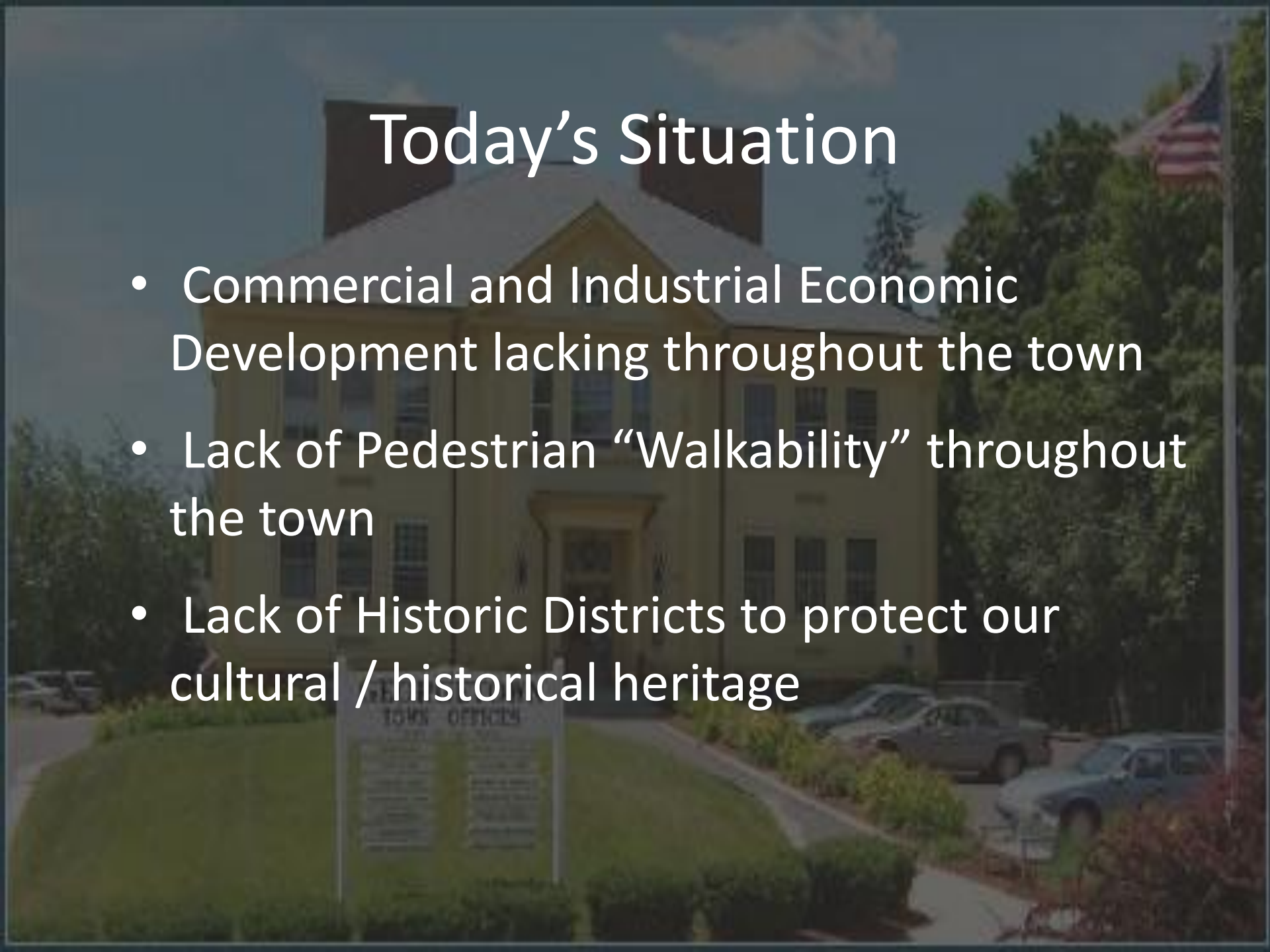


# Goals and Objectives

- Protect Natural and Cultural Heritage
- Provide Variety of Housing that complements Town Character
- Support Economic Development
- Promote Ease of Movement around Town
- Maintain Civic Strength: strong schools, community, & leadership

# Today's Situation

- Commercial and Industrial Economic Development lacking throughout the town
- Lack of Pedestrian “Walkability” throughout the town
- Lack of Historic Districts to protect our cultural / historical heritage

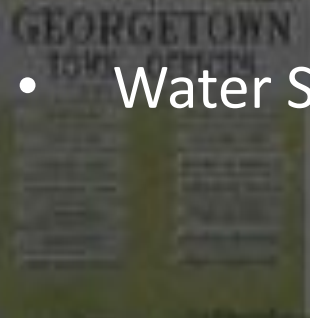


# Today's Situation

Address Future Needs:

Facilities ...

- Schools
- Active Recreational Lands
- Water Supply



# How Did We Get Here?

- Lack of a “Vision” consensus
- Lack of long term Planning
- Psychological State of Denial regarding Buildout

# Available Options

- Do Nothing --- then complain about how the town has gone downhill...  
- or -
- Consider implementing the following recommendations

# Recommendations

- Create ED Committee
- Create a Downtown Overlay District
- Create Historic Districts

# Recommendations

- School Facilities Committee Report
- Park and Rec / CPC Purchase proposal
- Recreational Path
- "Safe - Yield" Analysis for our Water Supply
- Full Time Planner